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Client Ref. No.: NS104D1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PALESE, Peter

Application No.: 09/396,539

Filed: September 14, 1999

For: RECOMBINANT NEGATIVE
STRAND RNA VIRUS EXPRESSION
SYSTEMS AND VACCINES

Examiner: Terry Alan McKelvey

Art Unit: 1636

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated **March 21, 2003**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) A fee transmittal sheet;
- 3) A petition to extend the period of response for 2 months;
- 4) A marked up copy of the amended claims;
- 5) A courtesy copy of the pending claims;
- 6) A supplemental IDS, Form 1449 and cited reference; and,
- 7) A receipt indication postcard.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal of the claims in their original form. These amendments are made without prejudice and are not to be construed as abandonment of the previously claimed subject matter nor as agreement with any

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